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The California Bureau of Automotive Repair Says Clean Air is Everyone's Job!

The California Department of Consumer Affairs, Bureau of Automotive Repair (DCA/BAR) wants to remind consumers that a well maintained vehicle produces less smog.

In light of the United States Environmental Protection Agency's tough new air quality standards in California's smoggiest areas, BAR offers the following tips to help consumers save gas and do their part in cleaning the air:

- Change engine oil and air, oil and fuel filters at manufacturer's suggested intervals.
- Perform all other service and maintenance at manufacturer's suggested intervals.
- Check tire pressure frequently.
- Check tire condition for abnormal wear patterns.
- Inspect hoses, wiring and belts regularly.
- Service engine promptly when warning lights appear.
- Do not modify a vehicle's emission control system.

Such simple and inexpensive procedures not only help cars last longer and prevent more serious and expensive problems, but they play an important part in keeping California's air clean.

Help for Media - Glossary of Smog Related Terms

http://smogcheck.ca.gov/StdPage.asp?Body=/geninfo/otherinfo/vehicle_inspection_report_glossary-may_1996.htm
<http://smogcheck.ca.gov/StdPage.asp?Body=/exsummary/exsumgloss.htm>

BAR is mandated by law to administer California's Smog Check program. Today, BAR licenses approximately 8,600 privately owned Smog Check stations and 15,800 Smog Check technicians.